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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (original) A holder of a machining apparatus for a collar (2) of a collet, tool, workpiece, or the like that has an internal angled retaining surface (7), having retaining jaws (6) that are mounted on a drive spindle (5) of the machining apparatus and that are operable by an axially shiftable head (3) in the drive spindle (5) and that engage for clamping with complementary angled faces (13) on the retaining surface (7), and further having a retaining element (8) mounted on the drive spindle (5) and formed with radially deflectable retaining fingers (9) extending parallel to the retaining jaws (6) and having angled retaining faces (10) complementary to the clamping faces (7) and engageable with the clamping faces (7) of the collar (2) of the machining apparatus, characterized in that each of the retaining fingers (9) has axially inward of the respective retaining face (10) toward the drive spindle (5) a radially outwardly directed centering face (11) engageable with a free end of the collar (2).

2. (original) The holder according to claim 1, characterized in that the centering faces (11) act frictionally for centering and retaining.

3. (currently amended) The holder according to claim 1 [[or 2]], characterized in that the retaining fingers (9) are prestressed radially outward.

4. (currently amended) The holder according to ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, characterized in that between each centering face (11) and the respective retaining face (10) there is an indent (12).